

Remarks

Claims 1-5 and 21-24 remain pending. No further amendments have been made to the pending claims. In light of the remarks below, the Applicants respectfully assert that no new matter has been added, and the application is now in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully solicit an indication of such an allowance.

Judicially Created Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-5 and 21-34 were rejected on the grounds of the judicially created nonstatutory double patenting rejection over U. S. Patent Nos. 6,915,430, 6,892,302, and 7,047,414. In response to the Examiner's rejections, Applicants submit, concurrently with the filing of this response, a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321 to overcome the judicially created nonstatutory double patenting rejections.

If there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (404) 853.8253.

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Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action

Conclusion

The Applicants believe they have responded to each matter raised by the non-final Office Action. Allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited. It is not believed that extensions of time or additional fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

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